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To Whom It May Concern:

I have visited the Grand Canyon on a number of occasions with family and friends. It is a truly awesome place and the views are spectacular!

However, something must be done about the incessant drone of aircraft. They have become a pestilence to the entire park. All hope of enjoying a meditative wilderness experience is being lost to this blight of aircraft. There are more planes in the sky than birds.

My family and myself strongly feel that the National Canyon should be made flight-free entirely. Even quieter aircraft are an eyesore and disrupt the "wilderness experience."

Regarding the handicapped and the elderly: a permanently limited amount of flights could be permitted in designated areas during specific times.

As for the Air-Tour people, let them take their carnival elsewhere. Not to other parks! This scourge on our parks must be banned entirely.

Thank-you for giving this matter your attention.

Respectfully,

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